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Staff Coordination on Portland Harbor Projects with USACE Permits

May 26, 2015

Via phone conference

Overarching goals:

1. Interagency information sharing on project-specific permit process and technical aspects;
2. readying applicants to submit complete applications for timely processing;
3. on-going interagency and applicant conferring as projects move forward or change;
4. development of sideboards, impact type batches, and standard conditions or performance measures to apply for consistency and workload balance; and
5. smoothing the path for in-water remediation requirements/conditions that are consistent with past/current permits.

Given that we had no applicant presentations scheduled and had recently coordinated on finalizing the applicant help tools package, we elected to hold a sort check-in meeting via phone. Participants were: Alex, Genevieve and Michael.

We began at 1:30 pm by discussing the remaining details of finalizing and posting the tools package on the USACE website.

- Michael's workload has not allowed him to pass along final edits to Alex and Genevieve and coordinate internally to post the package in May. He will check with management about getting help to follow through in June.

Alex provided an update on EPA's replacement for source control coordination. Annie Christopher will NOT fill the position in Portland, Eva DeMaria, from NPDES Enforcement will fill the position from Seattle. Also an EPA manager has been hired to replace Deb Yamamoto, to be announced soon.

We next discussed 404/CERCLA coordination:

- Shore Terminals piling replacement project was recently discussed in conf (USACE, DEQ 401, EPA). Methods to protect water quality during piling removal (to facilitate EPA's future dredging) are needed. Solutions are aiming for least overall impacts...
- PGE RM 13 cap has programmatic 401 and BO issued, prior to EPA comments on controls and monitoring needed. USACE may not consider action a potential to impact PH...

The status of projects on the tracking list we discussed included:

- Gunderson – formal consultation and additional info requested. DEQ PM forwarded summary of all agencies process status to applicant and reiterated the need to quickly provide all necessary info to avoid delay and still get permit to work during IWWW. DEQ order requires completion this year.
- Port of Portland OU2 (bankwork at Shipyard) – DEQ PM sent applicant info about PH permits coord process and requested they get on the calendar to present a concept.
- Portland Manufactured Gas –Still expecting presentation to group to get input in July (off regular meeting schedule) for application in 2016 for work in 2017. Recapped the little drama from proposed and withdrawn request for emergency dredging there to accommodate Navy ships for Rose Fest.
- Centennial Mills – Another minor upset on perceived delay due to PN elevated through Gov office, but averted when explained that other process items synced up.
- Vigor – Dredging permit nearing completion. Stormwater site inspection (DEQ & City) Fri

We adjourned 2:00pm.